



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ryuji ISHIGURO, et al.  
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For : ENCIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD, DECIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD AS WELL AS INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
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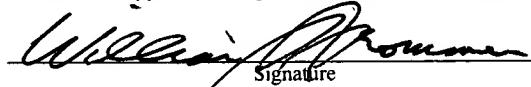
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**AMENDMENT**

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This is in response to the Final Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on July 26, 2005.